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Country of Origin Labeling  
Agricultural Marketing service, USDA  
Attention: William T. Sessions, Associate Deputy Administrator  
Shop 0249 Room 2092-S  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20250-2049

Dear Mr. Sessions:

We are pecan growers in the Mesilla Valley (Las Cruces area), New Mexico.

We strongly feel that pecans should be included in the "Country of Origin Labeling" bill. The consumer should know what they are buying and its origin. Then the consumer can make an informed choice.

We know that we are in a global economy, but lets do all we can to keep the American economy strong.

Your consideration is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,



JOHN B. COLQUITT  
PRESIDENT

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